

Appl. No. 10/075,326
Atty. Docket No. CM2502
Amdt. dated 8/16/2005
Reply to Office Action of 5/20/2005
Customer No. 27752

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims, 1, 4, 9 and 10, are currently under consideration. Claims 17-26 stand withdrawn from consideration.

Claim 1 has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's comments at page 2 of the Office Action (discussed below). The substrate holder is now designated as optional, pursuant to original Claim 1 and subsidiary Claim 13, which was earlier cancelled. The opening is now designated as being located at the intersection between the top and front side walls. Claim 28 has been cancelled without prejudice, solely to speed prosecution.

It is submitted that all amendments are fully supported and entry is requested.

Rejections Under 35 USC 112

Claims 1, 4, 9 and 10 stand rejected under §112, for reasons of record at pages 2-3 of the Office Action.

As pointed out by the Examiner, the claims should properly define the trapezoid by specifying the top wall as being longer than the bottom wall, and by specifying the angle between the front side wall and the bottom side wall.

It is submitted that the amended claims now in the application fully meet the defining parameters, pursuant to the Office Action, page 2. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections on this basis are requested.

Rejections Under 35 USC 102

Claims 1, 4, 9 and 10 stand rejected under §102(b) over U.S. 4,706,844, for reasons of record at page 3 of the Office Action. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection on this basis, to the extent it may apply to the claims as now amended.

Claim 1 (and, perforce, Claims 4, 9 and 10, which ultimately depend therefrom) each recite elements not found in '844. In particular, attention is directed to the following distinguishing aspects of the present invention over '844 (1) top wall longer than bottom wall; (2) angle between front and bottom side walls; and (3) opening located at the intersection between the top and front side walls.

Since none of the aforesaid elements are taught by '844, it is submitted that the rejection under §102 should be withdrawn.

Rejections Under 35 USC 103

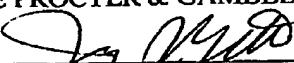
The rejection of Claim 28 (Office Action, page 4) has been obviated by the cancellation of that claim.

In light of the foregoing, early and favorable action is requested.

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